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CITY LAUNCHING CONSTRUCTION OF VERMONT STREET PLAZA

INDIANAPOLIS – The Department of Public Works (DPW) will begin a comprehensive reconstruction project on Wednesday to enhance the Vermont Street plaza adjacent to the Canal Walk in Downtown Indianapolis.

"The Vermont Street Plaza is one of Downtown's most visible and popular open spaces," DPW Director Lori Miser said. "This project will beautify the space for residents and visitors, making the area more user-friendly for special events."

The project includes installing a new plaza surface of grass and concrete with multiple colors and patterns; adding new fountains that are more efficient, quieter and require less maintenance; constructing new plant beds with repurposed limestone; and incorporating underground tent anchors to accommodate various tent sizes and make the space more efficient when renting the plaza for events.

To create more open space, DPW will rebuild the stairs from the street level to the plaza, and crews will rehabilitate the pedestrian bridge and existing railings along the bridge and the stairways.

The cost of this Vermont Street Plaza project is approximately \$1.45 million. This project is a part of the City's 2013 RebuildIndy program. Work is scheduled to begin this Wednesday, July 31 and will be completed this fall. Crews will install new landscaping plants in the spring of 2014.

For more information and a complete project list of the RebuildIndy investment to date, please visit www.lndy.gov/RebuildIndy.